



Daily Reflections

November 22, 2016

Scripture

Revelation 14:14-19

I, John, looked and there was a white cloud,
and sitting on the cloud one who looked like a son of man,
with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

Another angel came out of the temple,
crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud,
"Use your sickle and reap the harvest,
for the time to reap has come,
because the earth's harvest is fully ripe."

So the one who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth,
and the earth was harvested.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven
who also had a sharp sickle.

Then another angel came from the altar, who was in charge of the fire,
and cried out in a loud voice

to the one who had the sharp sickle,

“Use your sharp sickle and cut the clusters from the earth’s vines,
for its grapes are ripe.”

So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and cut the earth’s vintage.
He threw it into the great wine press of God’s fury.

Our Scripture Reflection

John's vision may make some uncomfortable. However, many times in the Gospels, Jesus warns us of the judgment to come whereby some will be a part of the harvest (have lived a faithful life) while some will face eternal punishment. The choice is ours. How we live today determines how we will live forever. May all of us strive to live in fidelity to The Lord.

Food for your Journey

The story is told of a group of farmers many years ago who decided to eat their best potatoes and to plant only the small ones. They kept up this practice for many years, even though they noticed the potatoes getting smaller and smaller. They blamed the weather and the beetles and the blight.

They kept it up until all of their potatoes were reduced to the size of large marbles. The farmers learned through bitter experience that they could not keep the best things of life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of life and nature decreed that the harvest would reflect the planting.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Keep me faithful and true, ever close to Your heart. I want to spend eternity with You. Amen.